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September 28, 2011

Marlene H. Dortch  
Office of the Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Washington, DC 20554

RE: Certification of Support for Rural and Non-Rural High-Cost Carriers Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. Sections 54.313-314, CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 00-256

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission hereby certifies that all federal high cost support provided to rural and non-rural carriers in this state will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with section 254 (e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended. This includes High Cost Loop (HCL) Support, Local Switching Support (LSS), High Cost Model (HCM) Support, and high cost support received pursuant to the purchase of exchanges.

Attached are lists of rural and non-rural carriers certified by the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission pursuant to sections 54.313 and 54.314 of the FCC's rules (47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313, 54.314), which require states to establish an annual certification process for rural and non-rural carriers receiving federal high cost support. As requested by the Universal Service Administrative Company, listed beside each carrier is its assigned study area code (SAC).

If you should have any questions regarding the certified carriers, please contact Sally Getz at (317) 234-1543.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures: Annual Certification Order, approved September 21, 2011  
Attachment A – Carrier Certification List

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IN THE MATTER OF THE )  
COMMISSION'S CERTIFICATION OF )  
RURAL CARRIERS' ELIGIBILITY TO )  
RECEIVE FEDERAL HIGH-COST )  
UNIVERSAL SUPPORT, PURSUANT TO )  
THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT )  
OF 1996, THE FCC'S MAY 23, 2001 )  
ORDER, AND OTHER RELATED FCC )  
ORDERS )

CAUSE NO. 42067

ANNUAL CERTIFICATION ORDER

APPROVED: SEP 21 2011

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BY THE COMMISSION:

David E. Ziegner, Commissioner

David E. Veleta, Administrative Law Judge

On May 23, 2001, the Federal Communications Commission issued an Order<sup>1</sup> ("the FCC's RTF Order") assigning to state commissions the responsibility of certifying whether rural carriers are using federal high-cost support in a manner consistent with the requirements of Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Pursuant to Section 254(e), carriers must use universal service support "only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended." The FCC's RTF Order provided that state certifications should be submitted by October 1 each year for payments to be made during the following calendar year. If a rural carrier is not certified by its state commission, it will not receive federal high-cost support.

In order to carry out the FCC's directive, this Commission issued a consolidated order in this Cause and Cause No. 40785 prescribing forms to be filled out and procedures to be followed by those rural carriers seeking certification. Upon reviewing the applications submitted by rural carriers seeking certification, the Commission has since issued orders annually in this Cause certifying the eligibility of Indiana rural carriers to receive federal high-cost support. Since then, the Commission's certification responsibility was codified "concerning universal service and access to telecommunications service and equipment, including the designation of eligible telecommunications carriers under 47 U.S.C. 214." Indiana Code § 8-1-2.6-13(d)(5).

The FCC requires that carriers maintain detailed records. Specifically, recipients of high-cost support must "retain all records that they may require to demonstrate to auditors that the support they received was consistent with the Act and the Commission's rules[.]" *In the Matter of Comprehensive Review of the Universal Service Fund Management, Administration, and Oversight*, 22 F.C.C.R. 16372 at ¶ 24 (adopted Aug. 22, 2007, rel. Aug. 29, 2007.) The documents include, "without limitation", data supporting the calculation of line counts; customer records; fixed asset accounting documents; invoices and contracts for the purchase and

<sup>1</sup> *In the Matter of Federal-State Board on Universal Service and the MAG Plan, Fourteenth Report and Order*, CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 00-256.



maintenance of equipment or its upgrading; ledgers; and any other relevant documentation pertaining to the use of universal service funds. *Id.* In our Order in this Cause issued on September 19, 2007, we advised carriers that such documentation must be maintained, consistent with FCC mandates, and that the Commission may request such documentation in the future to assure that carriers' costs are compliant and that carriers are eligible for certification.

Upon reviewing the completed applications, the Commission now finds that the applications that have been submitted by the applicants listed in Attachment A demonstrate the requisite compliance with the requirements of Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, as interpreted by the FCC's RTF Order and this Commission's August 22, 2001 Order. More specifically, based on the completed applications, we find that all entities listed in Attachment A to this Order will be using federal high-cost support only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with Section 254 (e).

In accordance with the FCC's RTF Order, we direct the Commission's Secretary to inform the Universal Services Administrative Company ("USAC") and the FCC that this Commission has certified that the carriers identified in Attachment A to this Order have met the requirements of Section 254(e) and the FCC's RTF Order.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED BY THE INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION that:**

1. The Indiana carriers identified in Attachment A to this Order shall be, and hereby are, certified by this Commission as having satisfied the requirements of Section 254(e) and the FCC's RTF Order.
2. The Commission's Secretary shall inform the FCC and USAC by October 1, 2011 that the aforementioned Indiana carriers have been so certified.
3. The Commission's Secretary shall forward a copy of this Order to all carriers identified in Attachment A.
4. This Order shall be effective on and after the date of its approval.

**ATTERHOLT, BENNETT, MAYS AND ZIEGNER CONCUR; LANDIS ABSENT:**

**APPROVED: SEP 21 2011**

**I hereby certify that the above is a true  
and correct copy of the Order as approved.**

  
Brenda A. Howe  
Secretary to the Commission

**ATTACHMENT A**  
**Carrier Certification List**  
**IURC Cause No. 42067**

<b>Eligible Telecommunications Carrier</b>	<b>Subdocket No.</b>	<b>SAC</b>
Bloomington Home Telephone Company	HLS-8	320742
Camden Telephone Co., Inc.	HSL-7	320744
Century Telephone of Central Indiana, Inc.	HSL- 9	320747
Century Telephone of Odon, Inc.	HSL-10	320801
Citizens Telephone Corp.	HSL-11	320751
Clay County Rural Telephone Coop., Inc. (d/b/a Endeavor Communications)	HLS-12	320753
Communications Corporation of Indiana	HLS-3	320776
Communications Corporation of Southern Indiana	HSL-4	320809
Craigville Telephone Co., Inc.	HSL-13	320756
Daviess-Martin County Rural Telephone Corp.	HSL-30	320759
Frontier Communications of Indiana, Inc.	HSL-14	320750
Frontier of Thorntown LLC	HLS-15	320828
Frontier Midstates Inc. d/b/a Frontier (Formerly Verizon North Systems – Alltel Study Area)	HLS-40	323034
Geetingsville Telephone Co., Inc.	HLS-16	320771
Hancock Rural Telephone Corp.	HLS-33	320775
Home Telephone Company, Inc.	HLS-6	320778
Home Telephone Company of Pittsboro, Inc.	HLS-5	320777
Ligonier Telephone Company, Inc.	HLS-29	320783
Merchants & Farmers Telephone Company, Inc.	HLS-36	320788
Monon Telephone Co., Inc.	HLS-17	320790
Mulberry Cooperative Telephone Company, Inc.	HLS-18	320792
New Lisbon Telephone Co., Inc.	HLS-19	320796
New Paris Telephone, Inc.	HLS-32	320797
Northwestern Indiana Telephone Co., Inc.	HLS-38	320800
Perry-Spencer Rural Telephone Coop., Inc.	HLS-32	320807
Pulaski-White Rural Telephone Coop., Inc.	HLS-20	320813
Rochester Telephone Co., Inc.	HLS-35	320815
S&W Telephone Co., Inc.	HLS-21	320816
Smithville Telephone Co., Inc.	HLS-1	320818
Southeastern Indiana Rural Telephone Corp.	HLS-22	320819
Sunman Telecommunications Corp., Inc.	HLS-23	320825
Swayzee Telephone Co., Inc.	HLS-24	320826
Sweetser Telephone Co. Inc.	HLS-25	320827
Tipton Telephone Co., Inc.	HLS-2	320829
Tri-County Telephone Co., Inc.	HLS-34	320830
Washington County Rural Telephone Co., Inc.	HLS-26	320834
West Point Telephone Company	HLS-27	320837
Yeoman Telephone Company	HLS-28	320839